

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled):

Claim 23 (currently amended): A candy having a starch matrix comprising:

a) a first starch comprising a modified starch having a DPn of more than 1000, wherein the modified starch is selected from the group consisting of acetylated starches, hydroxypropylated starches, hydroxyethylated starches, phosphorylated starches, acetylated distarch phosphates, hydroxypropylated distarch phosphates, hydroxyethylated distarch phosphates, phosphorylated distarch phosphates, acetylated distarch adipates, hydroxypropylated distarch adipates, hydroxyethylated distarch adipates, phosphorylated distarch adipates and combinations thereof; and

b) a second starch having an amylose content of more than 23% ~~30%~~ and a DPn of less than 300, the second starch being capable of forming a microcrystalline-crosslinked network with the first starch.

Claim 24 (new): The candy of claim 23, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 0-50% of plasticizer and
 - b) the candy contains 1-90% of sugar and sugar types, and
 - c) the candy contains 1-50% of the second starch based on a sum of the first starch and the second starch,
- the percentages in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights.

Claim 25 (new): The candy of claim 23, wherein the candy comprises at least one retrogradation-inhibiting material.

Claim 26 (new): The candy of claim 23, wherein the second starch has a DP_n of less than 50.

Claim 27 (new): The candy of claim 23, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 3-30% of plasticizer,
 - b) the candy contains 20-75% of sugar and sugar types, and
 - c) the candy contains 3-15% of the second starch based on a sum of the first starch and the second starch,
- the proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights.

Claim 28 (new): The candy of claim 25, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

Claim 29 (new): The candy of claim 25, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.3.

Claim 30 (new): The candy of claim 25, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material comprises glycogen or a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

Claim 31 (new): The candy of claim 23, wherein the second starch has a DP_n of less than 100.